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Meetings

Chapter Board of Directors meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. The Board last met at 7pm on **Monday, May 13th** at the Constantia House behind Baker's Funeral Home. Next month's Board meeting will be at 7pm on **Monday, June 10th** at the same location.

Chapter Members Dinner meetings usually are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. However *there is no chapter dinner meeting scheduled during the month of May*; instead we are having the annual Member's-Only Picnic at the chapter park's gazebo on **Saturday, May 18th at 11:30am**. We'll be cooking hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, baked beans, chips, beverages, and desserts. There is no cost for this picnic.

Calendar of Events

You can review our full chapter website calendar online at <https://sniwla.org/sniwla/calendar> for the most recent information about meetings and upcoming events. A courtesy extract through the end of June is shown below:

SAT 5/11 at 8am - *Park Maintenance Work Day.
 SAT 5/11 at 9am - *SCCC Recycling Drive/Tire Amnesty.
 MON 5/13 at 7pm - Board meeting.
 SAT 5/18 at 1130am - Members'-Only Picnic at the Park.
 SAT 5/25 at 10am - Prospective Member Orientation.
 SAT 6/1 at 9am - *Nansemond River Cleanup (Clean The Bay Day).

Chapter Announcements

Chapter President Chris Ferguson appointed the following committee positions at the April Chapter board meeting:

--> Chapter Board Member **Bruce Klichè** was appointed Chair of the Elections and Nominations Committee. Board Member **Jacob Bosco** and Member **David Perdue** were appointed to serve on this committee as well.

--> Chapter Member **Greg Syvertson** was appointed Archery Chair. Greg has a 3-year certification as an Archery Instructor effective 11 April 2024."

President's Note

May is a spring month in the northern half of the world, and a fall month in the southern half. It is likely named after Maia, the goddess of growth.

The Teddy Bear Hunt was an enormous success. Many thanks to Chris Trimpey for coordinating and running the event, and to the many volunteers who assisted. I am looking forward to the members' picnic. This is a good chance to come out and see our fellow members in an outdoor setting. Bring a pole, many fish were caught by the kids; but they put them back.

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Classifieds

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(757)890-0500
3009 W. Mercury Blvd.
Hampton , VA 23666[Arzillo Recycling \(Scrap Metal\)](#)
(757)539-8593
Locations: Suffolk & PTMS
Blvd**SAT 6/1 - IWLA National Award Submissions Due.****MON 6/10 - Board meeting.**
SAT 6/15 at 10am - Prospective Member Orientation.**WED 6/19 6:30pm - Chapter Dinner Meeting at Oakland Church's Community Life Center located at 5641 Godwin Blvd, Suffolk, VA 23434, USA***Note: Events marked with an *asterisk count towards work hour credits for meeting the chapter's annual membership volunteer participation requirement.*

HOLIDAYS and COMMUNITY EVENTS

5/5 - Cinco de Mayo
5/12 - Mother's Day
5-27 - Memorial Day
6/1 - 1st Day of LGBTQ+ Month
6/16 - Father's Day
6/19 - Juneteenth

"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." --
Jimmy Dean.

Respectfully Yours,

Chris Ferguson,
Chapter President,
Suffolk-Nansemond IWLA

Message from Eric Fjell, Chapter Shooting Coordinator

*Article reprinted from the April, 2024
issue of the Blue Heron Times*

Members, please help us keep the park neat and clean. A reminder, when using the shooting range, always remember to pick up your brass and shot gun hulls.

Recipe of the Month - Beer Bread

Source Credit: <https://www.food.com/recipe/beer-bread-73440>

Submitted by: [Gerald Norman](#).

Serves 6



Ingredients

- 3 cups flour (sifted)
- 3 teaspoons baking powder (omit if using Self-Rising Flour)
- 1 teaspoon salt (omit if using Self-Rising Flour)
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1(12 ounce) can beer
- 1/2 cup melted butter

Instructions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
 Mix dry ingredients and beer.
 Pour into a greased loaf pan.
 Pour melted butter over mixture.
 Bake 1 hour, remove from pan and cool for at least 15 minutes.

UPDATED NOTES: This recipe makes a very hearty bread with a crunchy, buttery crust. If you prefer a softer crust (like a traditional bread) mix the butter into the batter instead of pouring it over the top. Sifting flour for bread recipes is a must-do. Most people just scoop the 1 cup measure in the flour canister and level it off. That compacts the flour and will turn your bread into a "hard biscuit" as some have described. That's because they aren't sifting their flour! If you do not have a sifter, use a spoon to spoon the flour into the 1 cup measure. Try it once the "correct" way and you will see an amazing difference in the end product.

Recap of the Saturday, May 11th SCCC Recycle Event

Chapter Board Member Mike Lane and Chapter Ike Ray Powell showed up to help sling tires at the SCCC (Suffolk Clean Community Commission) Recycle/Tire Amnesty event. Most of the tires were full of water from recent rainfall and soon our boots and clothes were soaked! Altogether, 1,065 tires were collected from Suffolk citizens and stacked for later recycling. Mike also helped sort through the metal collections bin and also helped with collecting batteries.



Recap of the April 2024 Chapter Dinner Meeting



At the April, 2024 monthly chapter dinner meeting, we had a headcount of about 34 chapter Ikes who enjoyed a scrumptious meatball sub dinner. Shown here are Gary Beemster and Starlite Cassias being sworn in by Chapter President Chris Ferguson. Welcome to the chapter to you both!

The guest speaker for the evening was David Rosenthal, City of Norfolk Reservoir Manager who spoke on the topic of "151 Year of Water Supply -- The Historical Development of a



Reliable System of Water Supply for the City of Norfolk". David reviewed the historical records going back to 1866 when the City of Norfolk was given a charter to form a water company. Today, he said, the total capacity of the Norfolk water supply, tapping into Suffolk and Virginia beach lakes, is approximately 15 billion gallons.

Chapter President Chris Ferguson announced that chapter Board Member Mike Lane was named "Volunteer of the Year" for the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (GDNWR). Mike was presented the award at a GDNWR volunteer appreciation dinner held on April 2nd. Congratulations, Mike!



Also at this dinner meeting, the Tobin award for 2023 was presented by Chapter Treasurer Tim Doxey to Ray Powell. Ray has been a member of the chapter since 1989. He previously has served as a member of the Board of Directors and is a past President. Currently he maintains the chapter newsletter and website, and assists on the chapter's Food committee.

Chris also announced that in lieu of a May monthly chapter dinner meeting that there will be a Chapter Members'-Only picnic in the park on Saturday, May 18th.

Additionally, Chris announced that the monthly June chapter dinner meeting will be held at the Oakland Community Life Center in Chuckatuck located at 5641 Godwin Blvd, Suffolk, VA 23434.

For the full text of this article, see the news article entitled [April 2024 Members Dinner Meeting](#) posted under the News menu on our chapter website.

Recap of the April 2024 Chapter Teddy Bear Hunt

The chapter's 8th annual Teddy Bear Hunt took place on Saturday, April 27, 2024. Twenty-seven (27) children ages 3 to 10 years old participated in the event along with their parents or guardians.



It was a beautiful spring day at the park for looking for

Bears, enjoying lunch, fishing in the pond, using the archery range, or just wandering around the park. The entire park had been meticulously groomed the previous weekend by several chapter Ikes who showed up to mow grass and trim weeds alongside the driving and walking paths and at the pond's edge as part of a scheduled park workday event.

The teddy bears for this event were donated by one of our Chapter Ikes who wishes to remain anonymous; other sponsors include: Perry Minnow Farm, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Station#6, and Wilcox Bait and Tackle. See the article posted later in this newsletter entitled "*Special Thank You to our Community and Corporate 2024 Teddy Bear Hunt Sponsors*" for more information about each of these sponsors and their contributions to the event.

For a full gallery of some very nice photos taken at this event by our chapter Vice President, Darden Langston, see the full news article entitled [2024 Chapter Teddy Bear Hunt](#) posted on our website under the News menu.

Teddy Bear Donator – Newsletter Public Thank You

Submitted by Chapter Board Member/Youth Coordinator Chris Trimpey

THANK YOU to the S-N IWLA Chapter member that once again this year made the generous donation of the Teddy Bears for the 2024 Teddy Bear Hunt. Although this S-N IWLA Chapter member wishes to remain anonymous, that person's gift of the Teddy Bears is at the root of success for this event and is greatly appreciated by the chapter. Thank you!

Special Thank You to 2024 Teddy Bear Hunt Sponsors

Submitted by Chapter Board Member/Youth Coordinator Chris Trimpey

Ms. Susie
Perry Minnow Farm
13510 Windsor, BLVD
Suffolk, VA 23432

WHAT: Provided 30 containers of redworms for fishing.

Chad Boyce
DWR (Department of Wildlife resources)
3909 Airline BLVD
Chesapeake, VA 23321

WHAT: Loaned 25 fishing rods and tackle boxes.

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Station 6
Kings Fork Station #6
300 Kings Fork Road,
Suffolk, VA 23434

WHAT: Was onsite with a rescue vehicle during the event to ensure safety.

Mr. Tom Wilcox
Wilcox Bait and Tackle
9501 Jefferson Ave
Newport News, VA 23605

WHAT: Refurbished the S-N IWLA Archery Equipment at cost to ensure it was safe for use by children.

Chapter Tiny Ikes in Action

Submitted by Chapter Board Member/Youth Coordinator Chris Trimpey

Recently, members of the Youth Committee were joined by two Tiny Chapter Ikes as committee members worked with an Arborist to identify trees, shrubs, leaves and other plant life (that included the infamous Poison Ivy plant) in the Chapter park.

Tiny Ike Anna Chalkley was a tremendous help as she helped mark items in the park. One of our finds was the remains of a majestic buck in the park. The head/horns will be used as a training aid for the Youth Program as a more robust program is set into place.

But wait! Big sister Anna doesn't get to have all the fun! One of our youngest Tiny Ike's, Jessica Chalkley, insisted that she too be part of the action!



Volunteer Opportunity - *Nansemond River Cleanup/Clean The Bay Day is Scheduled for Saturday, June 1st.

Clean The Bay Day Message from Sam Chambers, Chapter SOS/Clean Water Liaison.

The Suffolk's Litter Control Department (Keep Suffolk Beautiful) is coordinating a Chesapeake Bay Foundation "Clean The Bay Day" event on the Nansemond River on **Saturday, June 1st at 9am**. Volunteers should plan to assemble at 9am at the CONSTANTS WHARF PARK AND MARINA (Hilton Garden Inn). You can register for this event at <https://www.suffolkva.us/331/Cleanthe-Bay-Day>, where you are encouraged to "volunteer by foot or by boat, individuals, families, civic organizations, business groups, scouts, students! Boaters – bring your kayaks, canoes, or any shallow water boat." Note:

**Although our chapter is not coordinating this river cleanup, our members can earn chapter work hour credits towards our annual membership participation policy requirement by participating in this event.*

IWLA National 2024 Convention- Proposed Resolutions Concerning Conservation Policy

Message from Jared Mott, IWLA National Conservation Director

In July, Ikes from across the country will gather in Cambridge, Maryland, for the National Convention. One of the most important items on the agenda will be consideration of resolutions concerning conservation policy. As you know, our members establish the League's policies through resolutions, and those policies guide our work at the local, regional and national levels.

This year's member-submitted policy proposals are now ready for your review. The draft package is available to everyone at iwla.org/convention2024. Simply scroll down to "Convention Business."

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